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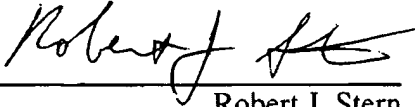
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the office action mailed July 3, 2003, please reconsider the patent application in view of the following remarks.